

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 488

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Deputy Ron Blair on being named the 2008 Officer of the Year by the Blount County Sheriff's Office.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Deputy Ron Blair, who was recently named the 2008 Officer of the Year by the Blount County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, employed with that Office since 1999, Deputy Blair was chosen to receive the award for several reasons, his overall job performance being one of the most significant, but two particular incidents helped make the decision in his favor; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2008, Deputy Blair responded to a residential burglary call in his neighborhood; being the officer closest to the scene, Deputy Blair arrived first and found that burglars had caused significant damage to the frame and lock of the victim's front door; and

WHEREAS, rather than leave this crime victim without the security of even a front door, Deputy Blair gathered the necessary materials from his own home and returned that evening to fix the damage the burglars had caused; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his initial response to the home burglary call, and as he made repairs to the victim's home, Deputy Ron Blair was off-duty; he had volunteered his time in this case because of a deep commitment to the work of law enforcement and because the victim happens to be a neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Blair has also spent countless hours conducting extensive research at the County Clerk's Office in an attempt to disrupt a car theft racket; painstakingly locating vehicle identification numbers and checking his findings with evidence from crime scenes,

Deputy Ron Blair has helped the Blount County Sheriff's Office amass a considerable body of evidence against one suspect in particular; and

WHEREAS, the people of this State are fortunate indeed to count Deputy Ron Blair among the ranks of Tennessee law enforcement officers; for the simple decency and deep humanity he brings to his public duties and for the patience and thoroughness with which he attends to his investigative work, Deputy Blair should be duly recognized; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Deputy Ron Blair for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Deputy Ron Blair on being named the 2008 Officer of the Year by the Blount County Sheriff's Office, thank him for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.